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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God, our Defender in Battle and Cause of Peace, be with this body as it completes its legislative work this week and asks Your blessing upon the Nation.

This Congress is ever assisted by liaison offices and the personnel of our military forces in the United States. This tour of duty by the military here on Capitol Hill must be most pleasing in Your sight, as our Supreme Commander.

With strategic information and military training, this liaison force helps Congressional Members and committees to resolve military issues and accomplish mutual undertakings that solidify necessary operations by this government. The daily work of men and women of the military bolsters the House of Representatives and its resolve to protect and defend this Nation. Their constant presence is a regular invitation of all of us to turn to You, Almighty God, and lift up to You all our men and women in military uniform and their families, especially those who are presently deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

As Memorial Day approaches, we praise You, Lord God, and thank You for the service and dedication of our military, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of themselves for the good of us all. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Ms. LINDA T.

SÁNCHEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minute speeches per side.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the newest baseball, State of Florida, High School Champions, the Key West High School baseball team.

Located in the southernmost point of Florida, the Conchs captured their 11th State title by beating Orlando Bishop Moore by a score of 7-0. This is the first State title for the Conchs since 1998, capping an incredible season.

At the beginning of the year, the Conchs were ranked fifth in the Nation by Baseball America Magazine, and they surely did not disappoint. Their 27-to-5 record demonstrates their commitment and their resilience, Mr. Speaker.

Key West High School is the little school that could; and, boy, they sure did. Congratulations to the Key West High School baseball team on its incredible season. Hats off to the athletes, their proud parents, the coaching staff, the school administrator, the Monroe County Public School Superintendent Randy Acevedo, and all of the proud residents of Monroe County, and most especially Key West. Their

win is a victory for all of Monroe County. Go Conchs!

UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, health care in this country is a crisis of major proportions. Seniors are still splitting pills to make their medications last. People will not go to a doctor because they cannot afford it. Only if some are near death will they rush to the hospital. It is clearly time for a universal, single payer, not-for-profit health care system called Medicare For All, and that is exactly what H.R. 676, sponsored by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) and by myself would achieve.

Medicare For All will cost the same amount the Nation currently spends for health care overall, but funds will be reallocated to cover everyone, to improve care and eliminate cost for individuals. And here is what would be covered: all medically necessary procedures, primary care and prevention, inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care, prescription drugs, long-term care, mental health, dental health, and vision care, as well as chiropractic services.

It is time for us to realize a primary purpose of our government is to make sure our people are healthy. Health care is a basic right in a democratic society.

I am urging support for H.R. 676.

COMMENDING LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT ON HEROIC RESPONSE

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

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